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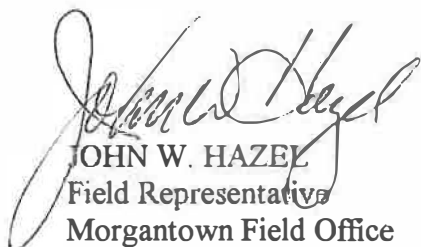
Dear Mr. Gentile:

On June 21, 2001, Rod Whiteman of my staff conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Earle Naval Weapons Station. Approximately 1.3 acres of moderate defoliation (31-60 percent) and 10 acres of heavy defoliation (61-100 percent) were detected at your site (Figure 1). Also, for your information, no defoliation was detected at nearby sites such as Fort Monmouth, Charlie Wood Area, Evans Area and Sandy Hook National Recreation Area.

If you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2002, please contact Brad Onken or Rod by letter or telephone (304) 285-1541 before August 24, 2001.

Please contact Rod at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,


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Figure 1. – Gypsy moth defoliation survey results at Earle Naval Weapons Station, June 21, 2001.

